

"(h) A graduate of the University who is relieved of the graduate's active-duty service obligation under subsection (b) before the completion of that active-duty service obligation may be given with or without the consent of the graduate an alternative obligation in the same manner as provided in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) of section 2123(e)(1) of this title or paragraph (2) of such section for members of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance program."

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(c) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to individuals who first become members of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance program or students of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences on or after October 1, 1996.

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(d) TRANSITION PROVISION.—(1) In the case of any member of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance program who, as of October 1, 1996, is serving an active duty obligation under the program or is incurring an active duty obligation as a participant in the program, and who is subsequently relieved of the active duty obligation before the completion of the obligation, the alternative obligations authorized by the amendment made by subsection (a) may be used by the Secretary of the military department concerned with the agreement of the member.

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(2) In the case of any person who, as of October 1, 1996, is serving an active-duty service obligation as a graduate of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences or is incurring an active-duty service obligation as a student of the University and who is subsequently relieved of the active-duty service obligation before the completion of the obligation, the alternative obligations authorized by the amendment made by subsection (h) may be implemented by the Secretary of Defense with the agreement of the person.

(e) REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF GRADUATES OF UNIVERSITY.—

Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the utilization by the Department of Defense of graduates of

the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The report shall include a discussion of means of ensuring that graduates of the University have received training in medical specialties for which the Department has particular need.

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**SEC. 742. EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW FOR DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM
EXTRAMURAL MEDICAL RESEARCH INVOLVING
HUMAN
SUBJECTS.**

(1)

ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW

PROCESS.

The Secretary of Defense shall establish a peer review process that will use persons who are not officers or employees of the Government to review the research protocols of medical research projects.

(2)

PEER REVIEW REQUIREMENTS.

Funds of the Department of Defense may not be obligated or expended for any medical research project unless the research protocol for the project has been approved by the external peer review process established under subsection (a).

(3)

MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECT DEFINED.

For purposes of this section, the term "medical research project" means a research project that—

(1) involves the participation of human subjects;